

HOUSE BILL 136

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to temporary assistance
for needy families (TANF).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner shall submit a
report annually to the persons identified in subsection (c) detailing the department's
access to the use of federal TANF funds as described in subsection (b). The report may
be submitted electronically and must be posted on the department's website.

(b) The report must include information detailing the department's access and
use of federal TANF funds, in the aggregate and per program, subtotaled by the four (4)
purposes of the TANF program as described by 45 CFR 260.20, budgeted by the
department in the current fiscal year.

(c) The commissioner shall submit the report to the following persons:

- (1) The speakers of the house of representatives and the senate;
 - (2) The chief clerks of the house of representatives and the senate;
 - (3) The chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the house
of representatives and the senate;
 - (4) The chair of the senate health and welfare committee;
 - (5) The chair of the health committee of the house of representatives;
- and
- (6) The legislative librarian.

(d) For purposes of this section, "federal TANF funds" means the state's temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program administered by the department.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.